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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: MARR, MPOL, MILI, TH  
SUBJ: U.S. TROOPS IN THAILAND

1. FOLLOWING IS AN UNOFFICIAL USIS TRANSLATION OF  
EXCERPT FROM PRESS CONFERENCE BY PRIME MINISTER SENI PRAMOJ  
APRIL 27.

2. BEGIN EXCERPT

REPORTER: THERE IS A LOT OF TALK ON THE ISSUE CONCERNING  
AMERICAN TROOPS. AFTER YOU HAVE MADE YOUR STATEMENT OF POLICY,  
WILL YOU HAVE AMERICAN TROOPS DEFINITELY WITHDRAWN?

SENI: REGARDING THE 4,500 SERVICEMEN...I BELIEVE THAT THERE  
IS NO PROBLEM CONCERNING THE WITHDRAWAL OF COMBAT TROOPS.

REPORTER: THEY ARE TECHNICIANS.

SENI: THOSE TECHNICIANS...IN OUR POLICY, WE STATE  
DEFINITELY 1) NO BASES CAN REMAIN HERE, AND 2) NO COMBAT TROOPS  
CAN REMAIN HERE. REGARDING THOSE TECHNICIANS, THE FORMER  
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GOVERNMENT DECIDED THAT THEY COULD REMAIN IN ORDER TO MAKE  
PREPARATIONS FOR COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL WITHIN FOUR MONTHS.

THIS DECISION WE WILL TURN OVER TO FOREIGN MINISTER PICHAI FOR STUDY AGAIN. BUT SHOULD THERE BY ANYTHING ON WHICH FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS MIGHT BE HELD, IN OUR INTERESTS AND NOT IN THE INTERESTS OF ANYBODY ELSE, THEN WAYS WILL BE FOUND. THAT IS ALL I CAN SAY.

REPORTER: DES THAT MEAN THAT THE UNITED STATES MUST BE THE SIDE TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE, BECAUSE IT CONCERNS OUR INDEPENDENCE AND SOVEREIGNTY?

SENI: YES, THAT IS CORRECT.

REPORTER: WILL WE REVIEW THIS MATTER AGAIN?

SENI: YES, BECAUSE WE DO NOT KNOW IT IN SUFFICIENT DETAIL YET. PLEASE GIVE US TIME. END EXCERPT  
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